

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

S.J.R. No. 19

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 40, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

(b) State employees or other individuals who receive all or part of their compensation either directly or indirectly from funds of the State of Texas and who are not State officers, shall not be barred from serving as members of the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts. Such State employees or other individuals may not receive a salary for serving as members of such governing bodies, except that:

(1) a schoolteacher, retired schoolteacher, or retired school administrator may receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or local governmental district, including a water district created under Section 59, Article XVI, or Section 52, Article III; and

(2) a faculty member or retired faculty member of a public institution of higher education may receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a water district created under Section 59 of this article or under Section 52, Article III, of this constitution.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held September 13, 2003. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

Adopted by the Senate on April 14, 2003: Yeas 29, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 29, 2003: Yeas 31, Nays 0; adopted by the House, with amendments, on May 24, 2003: Yeas 121, Nays 6, one present not voting.

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S.J.R. No. 25

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt certain travel trailers from ad valorem taxation.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (d), Section 1, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The Legislature by general law shall exempt from ad valorem taxation household goods not held or used for the production of income and personal effects not held or used for the production of income. The Legislature by general law may exempt from ad valorem taxation:

(1) all or part of the personal property homestead of a family or single adult, "personal property homestead" meaning that personal property exempt by law from forced sale for debt;

(2) subject to Subsections (e) and^[,] (g)~~[, and (j)]~~ of this section, all other tangible personal property, except structures which are *substantially affixed to real estate* ~~[personal property]~~ and are used or occupied as residential dwellings and except property held or used for the production of income; and

(3) subject to Subsection (e) of this section, a leased motor vehicle that is not held primarily for the production of income by the lessee and that otherwise qualifies under general law for exemption.

SECTION 2. Subsection (j), Section 1, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is repealed.

SECTION 3. Section 1, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Subsection (i-1) to read as follows:

(i-1) TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a travel trailer not held or used for the production of income and expires January 1, 2005.

(b) The amendment to Section 1(d), Article VIII of this constitution, takes effect January 1, 2004, and applies only to a tax year that begins on or after January 1, 2002. The repeal of Section 1(j), Article VIII of this constitution, takes effect January 1, 2004.

SECTION 4. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held September 13, 2003. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

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S.J.R. No. 30

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(a) The conservation and development of all of the natural resources of this State, *and development of parks and recreational facilities*, including the control, storing, preservation and distribution of its storm and flood waters, the waters of its rivers and streams, for irrigation, power and all other useful purposes, the reclamation and irrigation of its arid, semi-arid and other lands needing irrigation, the reclamation and drainage of its overflowed lands, and other lands needing drainage, the conservation and development of its forests, water and hydro-electric power, the navigation of its inland and coastal waters, and the preservation and conservation of all such natural resources of the State are each and all hereby declared public rights and duties; and the Legislature shall pass all such laws as may be appropriate thereto.

(c-1) In addition and only as provided by this subsection, the Legislature may authorize conservation and reclamation districts to develop and finance with taxes those types and categories of parks and recreational facilities that were not authorized by this section to be developed and financed with taxes before September 13, 2003. For development of such parks and recreational facilities, the Legislature may authorize indebtedness payable from taxes as may be necessary to provide for improvements and maintenance only for a conservation and reclamation district all or part of which is located in Bexar County, Bastrop County, Waller County, Travis County, Williamson County, Harris County, Galveston County, Brazoria County, Fort Bend County, or Montgomery County, or for the Tarrant